



BCYC Tuesday Night Racing
Revised September 3, 2009
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1) These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing(2009 to 2012). It is strongly recommended that each vessel carry a rulebook. Additional copies of the Sailing Instructions may be available through the Race Fleet Captain and may be available online at the Club website.

1.2) Racing Rule 44.1 will be changed as follows; A boat may take a One Turn penalty (One tack and One jibe) when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing.

2. ENTRIES

Competitors shall enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the appropriate entry fee to the Race Fleet Captain before May 12, 2009. EACH VESSEL'S FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ANY RACE CAN BE SCORED FOR THAT VESSEL.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Since the BCYC does not have a Club Bulletin Board, Notices to Competitors will be posted on the website (www.boynecityyachtclub.com/RacingFleet.html) and/or verbally relayed by the Race Committee boat using the "L" flag.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAGS

5.1) THE FIRST WARNING WILL BE NO EARLIER THAN 5:55PM

Race Schedule:

Spring Series	May 12 May 19 to June 16	Practice Race (5 races)
Summer Series	June 23 to August 18	(8 races)
Fall Series	September 1 to September 29	(5 races)

5.2) Class Flags

*JAM-Neon Pink

*Spinnaker-Neon Yellow (includes Portsmouth fleet)

6. CLUB MEETING PLACE

The Club Meeting Place will be at the Boyne River Inn (BRI) for the spring, summer, and fall series.

7. COURSES

7.1) The Diagrams in the ‘**course sheet**’ attachment show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. [The approximate course length shall be 6.5 miles, varying on wind strength]

7.2) No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.3) No later than the warning signal, the RC will designate the course by flying the proper flag(s) as described in the course sheet attachment.

7.4) An offset windward mark described in the Course Sheet attachment may be used at the discretion of the RC.

7.5) **The Jib and Main Fleet shall race 2 less legs, However, in the event of a shortened course, this does not apply.**

8. Marks

8.1) Marks will be Orange or Yellow inflatable buoys.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM

The Starting line will be between 2 Orange or Yellow buoys.

10. THE FINISH

10.1) The finishing line will be the leeward gate on even legged courses and between the windward mark and the RC boat for odd legged courses.

11. TIME LIMIT

If no vessel has rounded the first mark within an hour of the first start the RC may abandon the race.

For all other races, the time limit shall be 8:00 PM for the fall series and 9:00 PM for the spring and summer series.

Any vessel not finishing within the above time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. One vessel finishing within the time limit makes the race valid for all vessels in that fleet.

12. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to the Club Meeting Place within 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks. Hearings will be held as soon as possible in the Club Meeting Place. Skippers or a vessel representative should appear there after the race if they have reason to believe they may be involved in a protest.

13. GROUNDING

A grounded vessel may use engine power to re-float, but such vessel shall return to the course at a position at a point behind its position at the time of grounding.

14. COMMITTEE BOAT

Boats striking the RC Boat shall retire and are responsible for any damages. That vessel will be scored a DSQ, which cannot be thrown out.

Race Management responsibilities, especially prior to the start; effectively preclude any dialog between racing vessels and the RC.

15. FEES

The registration fee is: \$100 for the complete season, or \$35 for each individual series. To encourage new participants, the fee will be \$35 for their first season. In order to register a vessel to race, the owner must be a member of the BCYC.

16. SCORING and HANDICAPPING

The BCYC may handicap each vessel in the following manner:

- a. A current or expired LMPHRF certificate for the vessel
- b. A published handicap by LMPHRF for a like model, with equipment adjustments
- c. A published handicap in another PHRF area comparable to LMPHRF on other known vessels
- d. IOR/IMS/IRC conversion
- e. Portsmouth Yardstick Manual
- f. BCYC estimate

Finish Places shall be determined using LMPHRF time-on-time scoring for the Spinnaker and JAM fleets. The Portsmouth scoring system will apply to all others.

Points will be assigned as follows: 1st = 1pt, 2nd = 2pts and so on for each place. A vessel alone in her class will be required to complete the course and will be scored 1st.

A DNF = one place more than the number of boats that finished.

A DNC, RAF, or DSQ = one place more than the number of boats that started.

This changes Rule A9.

One throw out will be allowed for each series unless the number of completed races is less than four (spring and fall) and seven (summer).

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

As a courtesy, the RC may broadcast on channel 69 (and may monitor 16)

18. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions may be modified from time to time. The Race Fleet Captain shall notify skippers of record of such changes, no less than 24 hours before they are enacted. This will not pertain to editorial changes or corrections.

End of Sailing Instructions